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138th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ON JUNE 12th

Student-Faculty Chapel Committee Studies Problem

The Student-Faculty Committee established to consider the present Chapel situation and the problem of establishing a revitalized College Church met on Wednesday in the Fancher Guest Cottage. The plans decided upon will be submitted to the College Church in the Fall.

Representing the students were Alfred Elsesser, Benjamin Lake, Richard McGee, Lewis Cole, Arnold Lerman, James Gow, Peter Morrell, Douglas Parrott, William Hutchison, Robert Krompart, James Benjamin, Douglas Bushy, Thomas Busha, Franklin Fry, Nathaniel Mann, Robert Gens, John Hill, Jack Russell, Frederick Binder, Gordon Smith and Bruce Prum. George Waldo and Walter Herz also attended the meeting although not members of the Committee.

The faculty members serving on the Committee are Mr. Wilder, Professors Gambs, Patton, Hunt, Gere, Blyth, Liedke, Count, Keefe, Nesbitt and Johnston.

After thoroughly discussing the entire problem, the Committee established several sub-committees to examine specific problems and to perform the work necessary to revitalize the Church, and to recommend possible plans for making the Chapel program on the Hill acceptable to as many students as possible.

The Committee also decided to recommend that Chapel services be conducted in Commons on Sunday evenings until the Chapel is finished at the end of the Fall semester.

150 Members of '52 To Arrive Next Fall; Many New Yorkers

An interview with Secretary of Admissions Sidney B. Bennett earlier this week revealed that approximately one hundred and fifty freshmen will arrive next fall on Sunday, September 12. Most of the openings for the Class of 1952 have been filled and on the few remaining ones no definite action has yet been taken, pending the receipt of admission acknowledgements of other colleges and universities by several applicants here.

Although about sixty percent of the incoming freshmen will be from New York State, the Class of 1952 will represent many states including Alabama, Arizona, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Washington.

In an effort to aid international peace, the College is prepared to offer several needy foreign students free tuition and room. Mr. Bennett has asked the cooperation of the fraternities in solving the board problems for foreign students by their offering them board and house privileges next year. Contacts by the Office of the Secretary of Admissions with the American - Scandinavian Foundation and the International Education Institution are expected to produce worthwhile acceptances of Hamilton's offer to foreign students.

Elected to the Student Council late last week following a special meeting of the student body in the Chapel Friday noon, were Bruce Prum, Allen Caldwell, Keith Wellin, and Nathaniel Mann, III.

Thirty-nine Students Receive Acceptance To Graduate Schools

Twenty-eight graduating Seniors and eleven members of the Sophomore and Junior classes have received to date notices of acceptance to graduate and professional schools.

Five Seniors have qualified for scholarships or fellowships in graduate study. Gordon A. MacLeod will receive a tuition scholarship at Harvard Law School. Robert D. Slentz will continue study in zoology at Yale with the benefits of an instructor's fellowship. Paul Greengard will receive a scholarship from a research foundation at the University of Pennsylvania while doing graduate work in biophysics. John F. Gallagher and Leon E. Trachtman both will receive scholarships for further study in English literature at Johns Hopkins University.

The Medical School candidates, all Seniors, and their respective schools are Robert G. Brewer, George Washington University; Joseph Chanatry, Louis E. Griffey, and William R. Wilson, Syracuse University; Donald H. Gent, Columbia University; Allan J. Fisher, University of Rochester;

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Oration Prize Sought by Seniors

Six seniors — John B. Ellery, Walter J. Herz, Benjamin J. Lake, Alexander M. Lankler, Gordon A. MacLeod,and Morgan Olcott, Jr.— will compete in the Eighty-ninth Clark Prize Oration to be held in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon of Commencement weekend.

As tentatively planned, Ellery will discuss "Patriots and Patrioteers;" Herz, "A Thinking People;" Lake, "Our Continuing Debt to the Old World;" Lankler, "Political Obligations;" MacLeod, "A Great Humanitarian;" and Olcott, "American Foreign Policy."

Professor Willard B. Marsh, when interviewed, stated that since before the twenties the Clark Prize Orations have been numbered incorrectly. Founded in 1855, the competitions have had only three interruptions.

The fact that no contest was held in 1918 was ignored or forgotten, according to Professor Marsh, and the consequent mistake in numbering was never righted. But, in Professor Marsh's own words, "It is never too late to correct a mistake." For that reason, this year's competition is the Eighty-ninth Clark Prize Oration, and not the Ninetieth, as previously reported in the **Alumni Review.**

Pentagon Elects Five On Moving-Up Day

Following the annual Moving-up Day exercises in the Chapel last Wednesday noon, Pentagon, the senior honorary society, "announced" its five selections for next year. The five men chosen are Richard C. Burns, Anthony J. DiGregorio, Paul D. Horsman, Bruce E. Prum, and Charles W. Reeves.

A member of DKE and that fraternity's rushing chairman, Dick Burns is a veteran of two years of varsity hockey, two years of junior varsity golf, and two years of football. He is a member of the Block "H" Club.

President of Alpha Delt and president of his sophomore class, Paul D. Horsman was a member of the 1947-48 DT's. He has played two years of junior varsity basketball and one year of junior varsity baseball.

Bruce Prum is a recently elected member of next year's Student Council. During the past year he has been active in the Community Chest and CARE drives and has been a sports writer for **The Spectator.** He is the steward at Psi U.

Bud Reeves, a member of Sigma Phi, was head of the Student Chapel Fund Drive this year as well as chair-

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Summary of Andrews Draft Bill Provisions; Senate Compromise Seen On Exemption Rule

The contents of the following article are of vital importance to all men on the Hill who are in any way affected or confused by the present Selective Service bill to be reported out of Congressional committee for floor debate in the near future. It is recommended that the article be read carefully.

—The Editors

On the editorial page of last Sunday's **New York Times** may be found the following statement: "It now appears that the Selective Service measures will not reach the floor of either House for another week or ten days. . . " Be that as it may, within the next few weeks a piece of legislation which affects deeply the educational plans of a majority of the students on the Hill will undoubtedly be enacted.

The House (Andrews) Bill is of most importance since there is no disagreement between the two chambers on any part of this bill except the blanket exemption of men in the organized reserves. Recently reports indicate that the Senate is in a mood of compromise. The question will probably be settled by some measure between exemption and full eligibility, perhaps a one-year term of service with the stipulation that the year be followed by another year in the active reserve. Following are the most important provisions of the Andrews Bill:

1. All men between the ages of 18 and 30 will be required to register with their local draft boards.
2. All men between the ages of 19 and 25 will be eligible to be called into service unless deferred or exempted. Possible exemptions:
   a. All men with at least **one year of previous service.**
   b. All men with **more than 90 days and less than one year of previous service and who are members of drilling reserve components.**
   c. All men holding the **Purple Heart.**
   d. All men who have seen **combat duty.**
   e. **Pre-mendical, pre-dental, pre-**
   e. **Pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-theological students and conscientious objectors.**
   f. All men who are members of drilling reserve components or National Guard units **prior to passage of the act.**
   g. Students in certain scientific

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Graduating Class Largest in History; 123 Men Graduate

One hudred twenty-three seniors, the largest class in Hamilton's history, will receive bachelor degrees at the 138th Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 13. With the exception of four prospective Bachelors of Science, the graduates will receive Bachelor of Arts degrees. This year's graduates voted earlier in the year to return to the traditional Latin diploma replaced last June for the first time in English, bound in leather folders.

Six to Receive Honorary Degrees

President Charles W. Cole of Amherst College, who will be the principal Commencement speaker, will also receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Others to receive honorary degrees from the College are Mrs. Arthur Saunders, Master of Humane Letters; Frederick H. Ecker, Doctor of Laws; M. Henri Bonnet, Doctor of Laws; Artist Charles Burchfield, Doctor of Fine Arts; and the Reverend Richard J. Williams, '09, Doctor of Divinity.

Traditional Program Changed

Everything possible is being done to make the weekend convenient for graduates returning for the exercises, The main reading room of the Library, converted into a lounge, will replace as Alumni Headquarters the usual tent in front of Commons. The Alumni Business Meeting, this year being held prior to the Alumni Luncheon, has been moved up to make the meal more enjoyable for both those returning and the graduating seniors, who will also attend.

Commencement weekend will begin officially on Friday afternoon when the Trustees meet in Buttrick Hall. Later in the same afternoon in the Chapel and again at the Alexander Hamilton Inn in the evening, the Alumni Council will hold meetings. At the afternoon meeting the Rev. Henry White, '98, of Elmira, will read the traditional 50-year-annalist's letter.

Following the Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, the 89th Clark Prize Oration for Seniors will be held in the Chapel.

At 8:00 Saturday evening the Choir will present its final concert of the year in the Chapel. Members of the Choir will remain, however, to participate in the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday morning at 11:00. The Rev. John C. Schroeder, Master of Calhoun College, Yale University, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

The 138th Commencement will begin at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon in the Alumni Gymnasium.

State To Play Part in Commencement

New York State, too, is planning to participate in the program by dedicating two state historical markers on the Hill. One, to be placed near Silliman Hall, will identify the adjacent buildings as Hamilton College, and the other, in front of Buttrick Hall, will mark Elihu Root's birthplace.

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End of the Year

As this, the last issue of *The Spectator* for 1947-48 goes to press, the members of its staff can take time to look back over the year and follow the progress their publication has been making. Even with its new name, *The Spectator* began the year under a cloud of prejudice and discontent — due for the most part to the bad taste its readers had in their mouths for its predecessor, *Hamiltonews*. *The Spectator* had a lot to live down, and although it hasn't yet "arrived", it has certainly enjoyed increasing popularity among students and faculty. By this time next year it will have made its place at Hamilton provided that it continues to have the necessary staff and reader support.

Readers seldom realize their importance in the publication of a newspaper. But it is through them and their helpful criticism that editors learn what is wanted and needed. When those who contribute to each issue, from the first interview to the last delivery, are aware that they are doing something to contribute to the thought and action of the College, they naturally have the incentive to do a little more than is necessary to accomplish a good job. And that is the way it has been with *The Spectator* this year. As reader interest developed, staff interest similarly increased and broadened With a nucleus of conscientious workers, *The Spectator* has much to look forward to next year, especially since it has overcome the antipathy attached to it and will have more and more to offer its enthusiastic participants.

Next Year?

As an article in this week's *Spectator* points out, "another cycle of Hamilton history draws to a close." It is hardly necessary to point out that the next cycle will be further improved, for the basic reason behind the success of this one lies in a factor which cannot fail to be a more outstanding one next year. That factor is group production. With the graduation of the "heterogenous" '48 and the assurance of a homogenous '52, Hamilton can look forward to fewer scattered, revolutionary failures and more well-attended, sane successes.

During the 1946-47 academic year the campus was plagued with a majority of students who, even before they set foot on the campus, determined they would accept "none of this kid's stuff" and made a point of throwing a wrench into half the "kid's" worthwhile ventures. This year the "kids" have outnumbered the wrench-throwers and have shown some of them how the other half lives — even encouraged some of them to take their attention off "over there", bring it down to earth, and focus it on Hamilton.

It will be with considerable anticipation and expectation that we will greet the Class of 1952. We have every reason to believe that they will repeat the successes of '51 and those of members of earlier classes who took out enough time from their personal glorification to inject sincere, hard work into contributing something lasting to Hamilton.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The most spirited outburst of community interest that I have ever witnessed at Hamilton College has been in connection with the recent dispute over a compulsory chapel. At student meetings we heard able spokesmen of various shades ardently arguing their respective causes. The Student Council met and deliberated, whereupon their president disseminated their considered opinions. The President and the Dean of our college sent out, to the duly elected representatives of the various student organizations, a joint epistle stating their position unequivocally " pro re nata." Several times during the student meetings tempers rose, insults were bandied, and not infrequently good friends found themselves at odds with one another. Charges and counter-charges were hurled. Words such as "communist" and "arch-reactionary" were frequently employed. Apparently it was methodology which was being disputed . . . the aims of the various factions seemed to be in accord. But the striking fact about all of these events was the real intent and obvious sincerity of the vested authorities of church and state; the leaders and members of the official, quasi-official, and non-official organizations involved, as well as a sizeable majority of the student body.

Apparently there are some very real issues involved. It would seem to involve far more than mere dissatisfaction with certain administrative rules and regulations. Few would deny the fact that our peaceful hilltop has seldom seen such intensity of feeling or display of interest as this occasion brought forth from all of the sources of power, influence and opinion within our midst.Such events, in an institution which is not noted for undue enthusiasm, deserve, in my opinion, no small amount of consideration.

Regardless of how one may feel about the method used, which appears to be a highly combustible and controversial subject, the fact remains that the matter now rests with the authorities . . . that is to say, the Administration or ultimately the Trustees. This is a fact. Whether or not any action is taken does not alter the fact. The various courses of action that these bodies may decide to pursue, in regard to this fact, are of course, numerous. Even a decision to ignore the fact would be, naturally, a course of action.

In the event, however, that the Administration should undertake to pursue a course other than that of ignoring the fact, I would like to submit a suggestion. Since there has been so much interest from so many quarters, I feel that a convocation might be in order. This convocation, presided over by the President himself, and having present representatives of all the great and influential bodies, which together with the general body of students, alumni, friends of the college, etc., make up what we know as Hamilton, might then have an opportunity to hear the issues clarified, the respective positions of the various bodies, and the reasons for these positions. If this were done, I feel that there would be no argument about the method of dealing with the fact. The convocation might then give its entire consideration to the fact itself. The uses of this type of institution, namely a "collegiate convocation," for the discussion of mutual plans and problems, have, in my opinon unlimited possibilities in a small, democratic, liberal arts college such as many feel that Hamilton is, and others would like to see it become.

In an era such as we are now living in, if Hamilton is to survive, it will require much cooperative action and thought on the part of all.

Morgan Olcott, Jr.

May 17, 1948

Famous Alumni

By Arnold Klein

A provocative, strange and marvelous paradox was the president of Hamilton College from 1892 to 1917. And Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, '72, who left an important Chicago pastorate to become president of a financially and materially weak college, heaped innumerable blessings, tangible and otherwise, upon his alma mater.

When Stryker came, the College endowment fund was $340,000; his persuasive eloquence and ardent purpose elevated the amount to nearly one and a half million by the time he left. Truax, Carnegie, South, Middle, Root Hall and Commons were built during his stay. He changed the College color from pink to blue and buff. He wrote *Carissima*.

Stryker was a paragon of catholic versatility, for besides officiating as president, he was professor of ethics, of parliamentary law and debate, of "Theistic and Christian Evidences." Other capacities were director of the choir, secretary of the College and pastor of the College Church.

Stryker was actually a churchman first, and that was apparent in his graduation addresses, his poetry and other manifestations of his beliefs. His penetratingly captious spirit, however, caused him to compare his contemporary church with "a furnace, clogged with red hot slate and burned out slag" which had to be "dumped and relighted." But for the seven days a week compulsory Chapel service on the Hill, Rev. Stryker was wont to say, "God is not elective."

He was particularly interested in seeing an "informal" but integrated College-Church relationship, asserting with all his sincerity, "Were the College to deny the Great Teacher it would be to bite the Hand that has fed it and led it."

Stryker's talent with words was evidenced in his poetry, his translations and his oratory (considered simply as "the art of speaking well"). Several small volumes of his mostly iambic poetry were published. They are pervaded by religious sentiment except in uncommon interludes such as his poem "Free Verse," in which he defends his metrical works thus:

Nor do true rhyme and rule seem to me fetters.
Were I then all these rubrics to abandon,
I would be far asea without a compass.

He was original and apt in his word contrivances (such as "tobacchanalian" and "automobiliousness") and he could not have been under Gertrude's influence when he said of the Ego, "It knows that it knows that it knows."

The scholar Stryker tenaciously believed in the value of classical languages in a liberal arts course and he himself was a fine executor of translations. In his *Apologia* to his translation of *The Letter to the Hebrews and the Letter of James the Just* he wrote, "While but approximate, even a little better to uncover the textual acumen of their hallowed words is a privilege and a joy."

He enjoyed quoting from Horace, even averring that "some men get more good from scanning a line from Horace than scanning a dead cat in a laboratory." (This statement was mitigated by a separate one in which he named biology the "Science of Life . . the widest possible term for all vital fact, and it includes even Theology. For God is Life.")

Stryker was a most excellent speaker, brilliantly assuming those qualities which he wanted a liberal education to give: "promptitude that is not pedantry, intellectual poise and reach, along with cogency of expression and oral leadership." Moreover, he assuredly possessed the combination of "grace and strength" ascribed to him. For Hamilton he remains (in words of his own) a "perdurable influence."

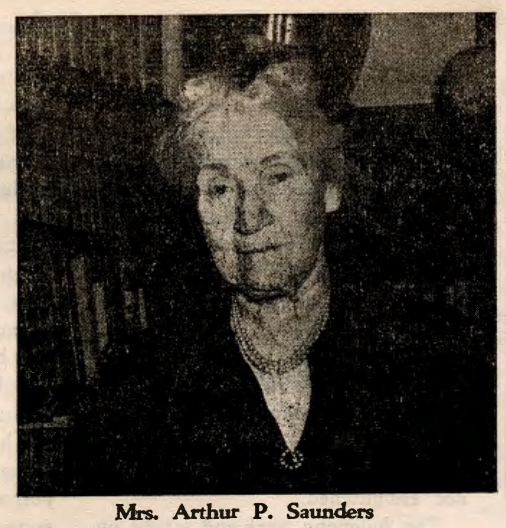
The 1948 Hamiltonian

Establishing somewhat of a precedent on yearbook distribution here at Hamilton, Elton Francis, Editor of *THE* 1948 *HAMILTONIAN*, stated earlier this week, "It has been my aim since the first meeting of this year's *Hamiltonian* staff to publish a yearbook that would do credit to Hamilton and to have it in the hands of everyone before the beginning of the spring semester examination period." Francis met his two aims this week when *The* 1948 *Hamiltonian* arrived on campus.

Although the general layout of *The* 1948 *Hamiltonian* is much the same as it has been in the past, Elton modestly affirmed that he believes this year's edition is the best yet. He attributed the truth of that statement to the devoted attention and complete cooperation of every member of his staff. Ray Burrows, Bert Wright, John Pillsbury, and the Camera Club were the recipients of fair words of praise for their excellent work in the photographic line. Mortimer Sams, managing editor this year and next year's editor, was complimented for his ever-present assistance and his fine editorial work. Elton lauded Alan Bath for his capable handling of the makeup and layout work, which although always a headache, is one of the more important aspects of yearbook planning. Similarly, Elton commended Elbie Howard for his superior sports coverage; Dean Alfange, for a praise-worthy job with the fraternity section, and Robert Johnson for the laborious job of gathering the material for and composing the senior writeups, probably the most tedious and painful job in yearbook production.

Finally, though somewhat reluctantly, Elton admitted that he had done a few things himself, among them writing a review of the Curriculum Report in which he tried to examine the curriculum at Hamilton with the inclusion of recommendations for a Hamilton education.

Dr. Charles Cole



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Six To Receive Honorary Degrees

The conferring of honorary degrees on six individuals, each of whom has achieved some outstanding distinction in his particular field, will highlight the Commencement Program on Sunday afternoon, June 13.

Perhaps the best known of those to be honored will be Mrs. Arthur Percy Saunders, who will receive the degree of Master of Humane Letters. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, Mrs. Saunders' achievements in the field of education have been notable. She served as headmistress of Miss Piat's School for Young Ladies (later the Baliol School) in Utica, and it was during this time that she met Dr. Arthur Percy Saunders, who was beginning his career as Professor of Chemistry at Hamilton. Following their marriage, Mrs. Saunders continued her work in education by tutoring students of preparatory school age in her home. Until about ten years ago, she commuted regularly to her alma mater, Bryn Mawr, where she conducted a course in English literature. At the present time, Mrs. Saunders is still active as a lecturer and appears occasionally before various groups in the surrounding area.

The only Hamilton alumnus to receive an honorary degree this June will be the Rev. Richard J. Williams of the Class of 1909. A member of Emerson Literary Society, the Rev. Williams will receive a Doctorate of Divinity. He is noted for his bilingual sermon delivery (either English or Welsh) in Scranton, Pa., where he is pastor of the Ebenezer Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Outstanding in the field of international affairs is M. Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to the United States, who will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws. A graduate of Paris University and the Ecole Normale Superieure de Paris, M. Bonnet returned to Paris University in 1912 as a professor of history. He served as Foreign Editor of the Ere Nouvelle in 1919, and was a member of the Secretariat of the League of Nations from 1920 to 1931. A holder of the Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Honor, M. Bonnet has served on many international agencies, notably as Director of the International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation, and as Secretary-General of the Permanent Conference, Hautes Etudes Internationales.

President Charles Cole of Amherst College will be honored with the degree of Doctor of Letters. A graduate of Amherst in the class of 1927, he returned as president of his alma mater nineteen years later, during which time he was Professor of History at Columbia and Professor of Economics at Amherst. During the war he served first with the O.P.A., and later with the faculties of the Army and Navy Schools of Military Government. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and Delta Sigma Rho, and Delta Kappa Epsilon.

In recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of art, Charles Burchfield will receive the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts. After graduating from the Cleveland School of Fine Arts, he entered the field of wallpaper designing, but later transferred to landscape painting. He served in the camouflage corps during World War I. Many of his best known works, such as "March Wind", "Factory Town," and "September Sunlight", hang in galleries and museums throughout the country. Among many honors held by Mr. Burchfield are the Award of Merit which he received from the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1942, and the Penton Medal which he received in 1927.

A distinguished career in the field

'48 Commencement Program Recalls Highlights of the Past

The first Commencement Day exercises at Hamilton College took place on September 18, 1816. Since that date more than nine thousand persons have been awarded Hamilton degrees at 137 Commencements. At the first commencement in 1816, Charles P. Kirkland and Ephraim Root took part in the graduation exercises that consisted of a salutatory oration in Latin, a debate, a eulogy, a dissertation, a dialogue, an essay, and a valedictory address. One of these student orations was a dissertation on "The Anatomy of the Female Character," an indication, perhaps, that students' interests have not changed appreciably in the past century.

The graduating class of 1832 was one of the smallest in the history of the College. Its valedictorian, Samuel Eells,is remembered today as the founder of the national fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, on the Hamilton campus during the year of his graduation.

In 1870, Commencement exercises were moved to the Stone Church in Clinton, which two years later was the scene of the first Kellogg Prize Oration. The annual exercises were held in the church until 1902 when they were moved back to the Hill again. The year 1912 was an important one in Hamilton history. The Commencement held on June 7, commemorated the College's centennial anniversary. The graduates, one of whom was Willard B.Marsh, heard an address by Senator Elihu Root, and the first rendition of **Carissima,** written for the occasion by the College's President, Melancthon Woolsey Stryker. On June 17, 1918, the graduating class witnessed the unveiling of the statue of Alexander Hamilton that stands in front of the Chapel. The statue was the gift of Thomas R. Proctor.

In 1924, Alexander Woolcott received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters before the same group of people who heard George L. Nesbitt deliver his valedictory address. Four years later, another well-known alumnus, Dean Winton Tolles, wrote the Head Prize Oration on "The Vindication of Hamilton's and Lincoln's Faith in the Constitution."

During the past twenty years, Hamilton has awarded honorary doctorate degrees to such distinguished personages as Owen D. Young, Henry James, Herbert Lehman, Elihu Root, Jr., Count Carlo Sforza, Thomas E. Dewey, Hans V. Kaltenborn, Ezra Pound, Carl Carmer, Henry Luce, Robert R. Wicks, and M. W. Stryker.

This year 123 men will make up the largest graduating class in the history of the College. Honorary degrees will be given to six persons. For the second consecutive year, the Commencement exercises will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium.

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McKinney Speech Winners Selected

Six undergraduates won book prizes at the McKinney Prize Speaking Contest held in the Chapel last Friday evening. Edward Everett, Harold Coleman, and William Hutchison earned junior, sophomore and freshman first prizes respectively. Runners-up for the same classes in that order were Charles W. Brady, Mark D. Hagerman, and George Doyle.

Speaking impromptu, Everett informatively discussed the twenty-one year old's first vote, while Brady gave a humorous talk on trick photography in the movies. Coleman's subject was "Communism and Hysteria," and Hagerman's "A Distinctive Folk"—the Mennonites of Pennsylvania. In the Freshman contest Hutchison gave a colorful declamation on "Our Living Language," while Doyle chose as his speech one entitled "Greed."

Student Elections

Paul D. Horsman was elected President of the IFC yesterday.

Members of the Publications Board at their last meeting of the year early this week elected Mortimer R. Sams III to the editorship of next year's **Hamiltonian,** Stephen K. Feldman to the 1948-49 **Continental,** and Myron Beldock, the new business manager of publications. Charles R. McKeen was reelected editor of **The Spectator.**

Election of four new men— Walter Herz, John Lyons, Alfred Schneider, and Dale Williams — to Delta Sigma Rho, the National Honorary Forensic Society, was announced at the Annual Debate Society Banquet Monday by Debate Manager Bertram Portin, in the absence of President Elton Francis.

Officers for next year's Debate Club will be Elliot J. Howard, president; Dale Williams, vice-president; and Sheldon Horowitch, secretary.

Men of the Week

The **Hamiltonian** describes them as "a heterogeneous group". Members of the Senior Class would not deny this charge. They carried on the usual duties of Seniors—five of them were members of Pentagon, some of them made Phi Beta Kappa, a few of them captained teams, and they held their prescribed positions in the Honor Court and the Student Council. But they thought of themselves, and the rest of the campus thought of them, as individuals. They originally belonged to classes stretching as far back as 1942. Most of them are veterans. As individuals, the Class of 1948 emphasized scholastic, rather than extra-curricular, activities. Yet the post-war era at Hamilton really ended with the tragic death of President David Worcester, and the Class of 1948 must be classified as the first "normal" class to graduate in seven years.

And who are the outstanding members of this "heterogeneous group?" For they must be considered as individuals. Nick Burns is president of the class. The yearbook calls him the "single rallying point." In sports, in Student Council activities, and in class affairs, Nick compensated for the disinterest of the majority of his classmates. Jack Gallagher, the serious, married student personified, provided the scholastic touch to the class vice-presidency and the **Continental.**

Henry Forman offered a study in contrasts, by co-captaining the football team while garnering Phi Beta Kappa.

Lasse Dyrdal arrived from Norway two years ago, equipped with an amiable "ya". In sort of a lend-lease arrangement, he became sufficiently proficient in English to earn a Phi Beta Kappa key while demonstrating European javelin technique as captain of the track team. Elton Francis, "E. Hall's Demosthenes (sans pebbles)", championed the debate team, **The 1948 Hamiltonian,** publications and the fraternity system. "Honest and impetuous" Nate Turkheimer was the individualist. As such, he resigned from his fraternity to champion the Independents, turned **Hamiltonews** into **The Spectator.** Allen Schepper learned to sing as T-formation quarterback. Merwin Geffin learned by listening to the purr of a Plymouth engine. Together, they provided the Choir with outstanding solo work.

Now the members of the Class of 1948 are about to take their exams and don their robes. It won't be a difficult task to appear dignified and mature in their new outfits. **The Spectator** joins **The 1948 Hamiltonian** in saying "The Class of 1948 will be remembered for its scholarship record, which is a proper source of pride, for its individualism, which has produced both a healthy criticism of men and institutions and a colorful variety of personalities; and for its vitality, which has recreated the community and launched it in several directions."

Review of the Year

Officially, the fall semester, 1947, began at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 18. Actually, the first significant event of the new semester occured on October 4—and at a point quite distant from the Hill. The football team beat Wagner that afternoon on a dusty field on Staten Island, while most of the spectators listened to the World Series on portable radios. On Monday, October 6, the first issue of **The Spectator** appeared. Focal point of campus interest was the editorial, "The Time for Enlightment". Most of the students were not enlightened.

The following week-end served notice that the semester was going to be an unusual one—the weather for houseparty was practically perfect. A certain Miss Jodlowski achieved fame by becoming the first drum majorette in Hamilton history.

Hamilton men recuperated from the simultaneous arrival of Miss Jodlowski and houseparty for several weeks. But at 9:45, Saturday, October 24, the Chapel bell tolled unexpectedly. Astonished professors watched nonchalant juniors stroll from their classrooms. When asked his destination, one Junior glibly replied "The Juniors are holding communion at the Inn". The class gathered in front of the Library and marched to the Inn in a reenactment of the Bolt of the Class of 1849. **The Spectator** was distributed, with a full description of the Bolt, while the Juniors were still off the Hill—for its first scoop of the year.

Another period of recuperation followed. Then the entire Hill population took off for Schenectady. On rallies and alcohol, the students watched the Continentals bow to the Dutchmen. As **The Spectator** reported on the following week: "We may have lost the game, but we certainly won the party." Alpha Chi was formed during this week.

On November 21, The Spectator published a letter from a group of graduates studying in Europe—and AIM got underway. And on the following Wednesday, the Thanksgiving exodus began. A busy period ensued until December 20, when Christmas vacation began. Highlight of the between-vacation period was the AIM drive, which netted more than 3000 pounds of food for Europe. After the holidays, amazing things happened. Lehigh, Albany State, and Union fell before the onslaught of the hockey, basketball and swimming teams on the same day for the first post-war triple win. Winter Carnival seemed to be in the old tradition—with rain, washed out statues, and a blizzard, but Sandy Lankler provided the surprise—the affair was run at a profit! Somewhere in this period exams took place— but these are best left unclarified.

Over the week-end of February 21, the swimming team achieved immortality and respectability by invading the metroplitan area to trounce Brooklyn and Fordham. TKE was reactivated. Middle Dorm was finally opened for student occupation. February also saw the end of the Memorial Chapel Drive. On February 7, Dan Ferguson sank the shot that sank Union in basketball here.

March began inauspiciously, as WVHC promptly ceased tranmission. Margot Starr became the first female lead in a Charlatan production of **Saint Joan.** Everybody went home for Easter. It began to rain. Coach Rudd was beaned. Agitation for the return of WVHC began.

In April the Jazz Concert rocked the campus. The Student Council began work on its new Constitution. It continued to rain. Men with strange devices roamed about the campus; Dwight Carter insisted they were only checking WVHC transmission.

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Sport Views

By Jack Boynton

One slight error, which hasn't been mentioned to me as yet, and which was printed in this colu- last week, should be corrected; the tennis team has won more matches this year than have the golfers. While on the golf and tennis subject, it might be wise to mention the fact that the netmen won their meet with Utica College last Wednesday in what proved to be almost ideal weather. On the previous day the links- men went out against the same school and came back victorious. This gives the tennis men a definite advantage toward that win column and brings the golfers up even for their season. All spring these boys have been carry- ing the victory flag for the Buff and Blue.

Tennis and golf got a little support in that flag holding department last Saturday when Coach Keefe's track- men came through over the Cortland College runners to a 67⅓ to 63⅔ count. It was the long sought for and much expected initial conquest for the Hamilton thinly clads and from all reports was an excellent meet all around. Things won't be quite so easy for RPI come tomorrow as they were last year when they trounced the Hamilton runners. Although a victory over the strong RPI squad will come as somewhat of an upset, the men on the team are ready and will- ing and perhaps things will really be looking up by tomorrow evening.

Lacrosse, finally a recognized sport, didn't fare quite so well as did track at Cortland. Coach Frank Hunt's crosse weilders fought hard but were slightly outclassed, as they were in the first Cortland meet earlier in the season. Since from now on the squad really has a good reason to play hard, let's hope they can capitalize tomor- row on that lead they held over the Hobart Jayvees in the first quarter of the first encounter a couple weeks back.

The baseball team, still seeking the first win and still held back by a lack of pitching in the clutches, bowed before the Middlebury nine on last Wednesday. Tomorrow they have a doubleheader with Union on the home grounds, and, providing the infield keeps as tight as it was Wednesday, might well be able to pull one of the games out of the fire.

All spring we have been harping on the lack of student support for the varsity teams. It seems that all the cracks have finally brought a little life into the heretofore indiffer- ent bunch of supporters; the crowd at the Middlebury baseball game was quite impressive. Let's hope once more that the same will be true for the barrage of home contests tomor- row. A little support could easily mean a few victories.

This about kills sports for spring, 1948. Next year? That's a long way off right now, but who knows? True, the record this year hasn't been too impressive on the whole. A few teams — swimming, hockey, tennis, and golf — came through and a few more looked good at times. It must be re- membered that some of our opponents, especially in lacrosse, have been quite a bit beyond our reach. All who do care enough to try out for the teams- providing of course they can - rate at least a kind word, if not an oc- casional rush of cheek kisses or some- thing. With no bastard sports around next year which are not sure at the start if there will be a finish — la- crosse again — things should look up. Anyway, let's drag out the prayer rugs and at least ask for a little de- cent weather.

Football Schedule for 1948

Oct. 2	Allegheny at Clinton
Oct. 9	Middlebury at Middle- bury, Vermont.
Oct. 16	Oberlin at Clinton
Oct. 23	Haverford at Haverford, Pennsylvania.
Oct. 30	Hobart at Clinton
Nov. 6	Earlham at Richmond, Indiana.
Nov. 13	Union at Clinton.

Rochester Edges Continental Nine, 2-1, in Tight Duel

The perspiring foreheads of the Rochester baseball team should be dry now. Their pounding hearts un- doubtedly have returned to the nor- mal beat after receiving one of the worst scares of the year from an un- derdog Hamilton team. Jim Beaver- son and company fought right down to the wire only to lose a close 2-1 decision in the first half of the ninth when Rochester squeezed across the winning run on a single by third base- man Bruton, Dick Bowllan's sacrifice, and a clean base hit over third by Ed Rex, the second sacker.

After four innings of scoreless ball, Hamilton's run came in the fifth in- ning as shortstop Stu McKeldin led off with a single into left field. Beaverson worked Rochester pitcher Mohlar for a base on balls, and both men advanced on Bill Crew's sacri- fice. McKeldin scored, as left fielder Harry Babcock laid down a perfect squeeze bunt.

For seven innings Beaverson held the opposition to only two hits. Then in the eighth, Rochester came to bat under the smiling eye of Dame For- tune and tied the score with two fluke hits and a sacrifice. Hitting honors for the day were shared by Jerry Steiner and Jack Connolly, who col- lected two singles apiece, accounting for four of Hamilton's five hits.

Earlier in the week the team dropped a 13-4 game to Hobart in Geneva. The Hobart batters pound- ed Beaverson and Steiner for 13 hits; Hamilton collected 7, including a long triple by third baseman Bob Belden.

The Hill nine winds up its season tomorrow, taking on Union in a morning - afternoon double-h e a d e r here. The purpose of the twin bill is to play off an earlier rained-out game, scheduled for Schenectady. The first tilt will get under way at 10:30.

Trackmen Snap Losing Skein; Trip Cortland, 67 1-3 - 63 2-3

The hex is finally broken. The Hillmen ended their long skein of track defeats last Saturday by post- ing a thrilling 67⅓ - 63⅔ triumph over the Red Dragons of Cortland State, coming from behind in the last two events to cop the meet in Frank Merriwell fashion. Trailing by five points going into the 220 low hurdles, the Continentals were in want of at least a first and a third to get back in the running, and Bob Larsen and George Murphy came through with six points to give Bob Keefe's charges the break they needed. That left the meet up to the Hill mile relay foursome, composed of Bob Bloomer, Bob Milkey, Bob Cook, and Bob Clements, and this speedy quartet outlasted the Cortland four to win by a comfortable margin. Much of the credit for the victory in this race belongs to Bob Clements, the anchor man. The other three Bobs held the lead constantly during their respective tours around the cinder path, but only by the slim margin of one or two yards; once the Jersey Jackrabbit took the baton, however, the race was never in doubt, as he widened the gap to hit the tape about seven yards in front of the Cortland man. This was Clement's second win of the afternoon, as he had galloped home first earlier in the 440, win- ning the race in 53.7, his best time of the year.

These were not the only outstand- ing performances of the day, how- ever. Freshman Fred Schmidt (who only last week broke the college dis- cus mark) scored another double win, as he flung the platter 114 feet, 3 inches, and put the shot 41 feet, 9 3-4 inches. Jim Ferguson placed third in the shot. Brawny Jake Heinig, an- other frosh prodigy, hurled the javelin four inches over 163 feet to earn himself another first, and Paul Lan- ga tied for first in the high jump, with Ashby copping third. Clair Bab- cock grabbed a second in the broad jump, and Henderson tied for second in the pole vault to round out the Hamilton scoring in the field.

The Blue fared quite well in the running events, with the exception of distance races, which have been something of a sore spot all season. Bob Moore and Johnny Payne won the 100 and 220 respectively, and Dave Palmer took runner-up honors in both sprints. Jim Benjamin was nosed out by inches in the 880 by Jackson of the Red, with Bob Cook finishing third. Al Getman managed a second in the mile, and Bob De- Maine a third in the two-mile. Other spots were won by Larsen in the high hurdles, and Milkey in the quarter.

Tomorrow the 1948 edition of the Hamilton track team takes to the cinders for the last time when it meets the strong RPI aggregation at 2:30 on Steuben Field.

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Tomorrow's Games End Spring Season

The Hamilton golf, tennis, and lacrosse teams fared poorly last weekend. The Rochester swingers got revenge for an earlier defeat by shading the Hillmen in the River City, 5-4; the netmen likewise fell before the Yellowjackets, 6-2; and the lacrosse team bowed to Cortland there Friday, 12-2.

The golf match was not decided until the final hole. Don Paris, No. 6 man of the 'Jackets, rallied when he was three down with four to go to beat Bill Luers, and preserve the slim lead of the Rivermen. Jack Hedges of Rochester was low with a 76, followed by the Blue's Bert Wright who carded a 79.

The Rochester tennis team collected five of six singles wins, broke even in the two doubles matches played, and was leading in a third when rain halted further proceedings. It was the Yellow's third win of the year.

The lacrosse game with Cortland was the same old story—lack of experience. The Continentals played well at times, but could not cope with the more experienced Dragons. The Cortland ten took the lead at an early point in the game, and kept increasing it as time progressed, completely erasing any chance of a Hamilton victory.

All three squads end their seasons this weekend.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS (Cont'd) . . .

Merrill J. King, Jr., Harvard University; Harold C. Sadin, Albany Medical School.

Three sophomores have been accepted by the University of Pennsylvania Dental School: James P. Nitschke, Howard F. Beacham, and Reuben E. V. M. Miller, Jr.

Seniors accepted by law schools include Thaddeaus W Clark, Cornell University; Norman L. Hoberman, Harvard University; Henry J. Formon, Yale University; Jon M. Kaufman, Harvard University; and Alexander M. Lankler, Columbia or Cornell University. Undergraduates who have been accepted are Victor T. Wahl, Jr., '49, University of Wisconsin; John R. Borys, '50, Albany Law School; and Frederick D. Rosenberg, '50, Duke University.

Students accepted by business schools are Frederick M. Kuhner, '48, and Philip W. Bresee, '48, N.Y.U.; Bertram S. Natelson, '48, Columbia University; C. Benjamin Brooks, Jr., '48, University of Pennsylvania; Arthur H. Westervelt, '49, Harvard.

Bruce Davis, 48, will enter Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Other students accepted to graduate schools with their respective courses and schools, are Nathan A. Turkheimer, journalism, Columbia University; Peter R. Porcino, physics, Cornell University; Harlan W. Taylor, history, McGill University; John K. M. Adams, Education, University of Colorado; Sydney B. Corbett, English literature, Columbia University; Malcolm Hellman, '49 public service, New York University; and Kenneth H. Dillon, '50, Architecture, Columbia University.

PENTAGON (Cont'd) . . .

man of the committee for investigating housing conditions in North Village. A member of the Honor Court, he played varsity baseball in the spring of 1946.

"Ants" DiGregorio has played two years of outstanding football for the Hamilton varsity. He came to Hamilton after two and a half years of service in the AAF, and is a member of DU.

HONORARY DEGREES (Cont'd)

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YEAR'S REVIEW (Cont'd) . . .

May has been very eventful. On May 7, students and their dates crowded around fraternity tables to read about Murray A. Hilhopper. Several students and quite a few members of the faculty were fooled. Rain continues to fall. The sophomore's extend Class Day to include a track meet and baseball games. The Freshmen won the sing trophy and the Class Day award, the latter by a nose. On Wednesday, May 26, the honor society tapping was concluded when Pentagon made its selections. The classes observed Moving-Up Day. Exams are about to begin. Another cycle in Hamilton history is about to close. A period of recuperation is anticipated.

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